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I, Hideto Kuwano, declare and say:

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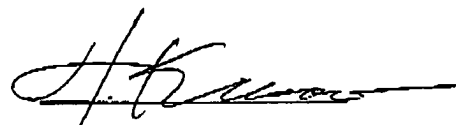
THAT I am a graduate of Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, having received the Degree of Master of Engineering, in 1996;

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THAT I understand the Japanese and English languages; and

THAT the attached English documents are a full true, faithful and accurate translation of the specification as filed of Japanese Patent Application No. Hei.11-144284 filed on May 25, 1999.

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